



**Sewer/Water Commission
MEETING MINUTES**

June 10, 2020

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT: D. Taivalkoski, R. Pucely, J. Hewitt

COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT:

VILLAGE BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: R. Bhatia, A.M. Clausen, B. Eastman

VILLAGE STAFF: T. Beyer, R. Bowers, R. Pritzlaff, W. Hanson, L. Weber

OTHER PRESENT: D. Snyder

1. **Call to Order** - The Sewer Commission was called to order by R. Pucely at 8:00 am.
2. **Public Comment** – Several residents from the Chicory Rd. and Cozy Acres Rd. areas expressed their frustration with severe backups and damage to their properties from the recent rain event. Multiple residents were concerned with their property values and the potential resale of their homes. There were also concerns with insurance related issues due to multiple backups on their properties.

A. Contreras (2721 Cozy Acres Rd)	M. Kanyuh (4421 Chicory Rd.)	J. Leskowicz (4105 Woodbury Ln.)
N. Rosenbaum (1617 Lakewood Ave.)	T. Seitz (4024 Chicory Rd.)	A. Leskowicz (4105 Woodbury Ln.)
S. Gallion (4239 Garden Dr.)	T. Joose (4232 Garden Dr.)	D. Knabel (4516 Chicory Rd.)
D. Jones (4221 Greenbriar Ln.)	P. Frost (4121 Pennington Ln.)	D. Fabian (3816 Pleasant Ln.)
G. Feest (2640 Cozy Acres Rd.)	T. Mueller (2711 Cozy Acres Rd.)	D. Mueller (2711 Cozy Acres Rd.)
D. Lano (4101 Pennington Ln.)	B. Strausser (2701 Cozy Acres Rd.)	
3. **Election of Officers** – J. Hewitt motioned to retain the existing positions with R. Pucely as President and D. Taivalkoski as Secretary, D. Taivalkoski seconded the motioned. Motion carried 3-0.
4. **Approval of the March 11, 2020 Sewer Commission Meeting Minutes** – J. Hewitt motioned to approve the March 11, 2020 meeting minutes as presented, R. Pucely seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0
5. **Monthly Expenditures Approval – March 2020** – J. Hewitt motioned to approve the March 2020 expenditures in the amount of \$29,910.70, R. Pucely seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.
6. **Monthly Expenditures Approval – April 2020** – J. Hewitt motioned to approve the April 2020 expenditures in the amount of \$1,508,742.03, R. Pucely seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.
7. **Monthly Expenditures Approval – May 2020** – J. Hewitt motioned to approve the May 2020 expenditures in the amount of \$28,531.69, R. Pucely seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.
8. **Municipal Complaint – 1611 Lakewood Ave.** – Staff received a complaint from the property owner at 1611 Lakewood Ave. regarding back-ups on the property. Staff believes that this issue is primarily storm water related. A new gate was installed on the outfall to control the rocks entering the system. Staff has also put the outfall on a bi-weekly inspection schedule to help prevent future blockages.
9. **Sanitary Sewer Backup Claim – 4516 Chicory Rd.** – The Commission was provided with a complaint and several invoices from the property owner at 4516 Chicory Rd. regarding sewer back-ups on the property. This claim was received prior to the COVID-19 pandemic and is now able to come before the Commission. The sewer department reported no back-ups in the area at the time of the initial call. The jet truck was ran to attempt to

clear any debris at the end of the property owner's lateral. It was determined by the sewer department that this was an isolated incident and the issue was with the property owner's private lateral and not at the main.

D. Knable (4516 Chicory Rd.) expressed his concerns with the known deficiencies in the system. He would like reimbursement for his out of pocket costs and a regular maintenance schedule in the area to prevent further back-ups. He also stated that there was a Vactor truck already in the area so he believes there was another back up in the area. D. Taivalkoski motioned to deny the claim due to it being the home owner's responsibility to maintain the lateral, J. Hewitt seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

- 10. Chicory Rd. Sanitary Sewer Capacity Study** – D. Snyder (Foth) read a letter from the City of Racine addressing the extreme volume of water that was received during the most recent rain event in May. A total of 10 safety sites where sewage is allowed to bypass the system, were working overtime as the entire collection system received 4 in. to 5 in. of rain. All communities went past their limits and the treatment plant went from 20 million gallons per day to 200 million gallons per day for approximately 48 hours. The Village has been under contract with Foth since the beginning of 2019 to study this area. An analysis of the system was completed with the temporary metering that was installed in the sewer shed. There are multiple factors contributing to the issues in addition to the Mount Pleasant Sewer System. There are issues downstream with the City of Racine Wastewater Treatment Plant and issues with private sewer laterals, which are significant contributors to clear water infiltration into the system. Over 400 manholes were also inspected to check for leaks and any manholes in need of repair will be addressed by Staff. Smoke testing in the entire area will be completed within the next few months to identify any leaks. Village Staff will also be conducting home inspections to determine if sump pumps are tied into the sewer system.
- 11. Cozy Acre Rd. Sanitary Sewer Capacity Study** – The Cozy Acre Rd. area is a critical area that the Village would like to further examine. Staff would like to look into potential causes of excessive infiltration and/or restrictions in the system that may be causing surcharges during extreme rain events. The next step will be televising mainline sections with a potential for lateral lining. There will also be smoke testing and temporary metering completed to determine where the main issues are to focus on first. Staff would like to complete this along with the Chicory Rd. area to come up with a potential solution. J. Hewitt motioned to start as soon as possible on the sanitary sewer study for Chicory Rd. and Cozy Acres Rd. areas, D. Taivalkoski seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.
- 12. Technical Advisory Committee – Facilities Planning Update** – D. Snyder (Foth) informed the Commission that the Racine facility planning effort is winding down. There were slight delays due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This will be a joint facility between the Village of Mount Pleasant and the City of Racine.
- 13. Acceptance of Public Sanitary Sewer – TID 5 – Phases 1-4** - J. Hewitt motioned to accept the Public Sanitary Sewer for TID 5 – Phases 1-4, D. Taivalkoski seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.
- 14. TID 5 Sewer Improvements - Monthly Project Update** – D. Snyder (Foth) provided the Commission the monthly update for the TID 5 Sewer Improvements. Phases 1 - 4 are complete and in project close out, Phase 5 is in construction with completion set for August 1, 2020. The Pike River Lift Station project is starting to mobilize and construction is set to start within the next 30 days. Phases 7A and 7B are in the design phase. Phase 7A should be out for bidding in late 2020. Phase 7B is being reviewed for alignment options and easement acquisitions. Phase 8 is still awaiting findings from the study that is being completed.
- 15. Discussion & Possible Action – Recommendation for Award of Contract – 2020 Ditching Program** – Staff received bids for the 2020 Ditching Program to improve drainage in the Sunset Heights area. Staff recommends

the alternate bid for sod restoration instead of the base bid to install the seed and erosion mat. The Village will water the sod initially, then notify residents that they will need to maintain the sod on their property. J. Hewitt motioned to award the alternate bid to Willkomm Excavating & Grading in the amount of \$410,112.00, D. Taivalkoski seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

- 16. 2019 CMAR** – The Commission was presented with the annual report for the 2019 CMAR. J. Hewitt motioned to adopt the 2019 CMAR resolution as drafted, D. Taivalkoski seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

17. Reports

- **T. Beyer – S. Lakeshore Lift Station Reconstruction** – Significant progress has been made on the lift station design. Staff anticipates that the new lift station will be bid out and constructed in 2020. Plan still to bid out and construct 2020. Documents will be available at the next Sewer Commission Meeting for review.

- 18. Adjourn** – J. Hewitt motioned to adjourn the Sewer Commission meeting at 10:00 am, D. Taivalkoski seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.